



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 6, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF SONOMA COUNTY AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub.L. No. 116-260) (the “**Act**”) was signed into law. Section 501 of Division N of the Act established the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (“**ERAP**”), and authorized the direct allocation of emergency rental assistance funds to states, units of local government, tribal communities, and territories. The ERAP funds are intended to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- B. California Senate Bill No. 91 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.) (“**SB 91**”) established the State of California’s program for administering its share of ERAP funds (the “**State Rental Assistance Program**,” “**SRAP**,” or “**State Rental Assistance Funds**”). SB 91 added Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 50897) to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code. Health and Safety Code section 50897.1, subdivision (a)(1) authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development (the “**Department**”) to administer the State Rental Assistance Funds in accordance with state and federal law.
- C. In January 2021, Sonoma County (“**Locality**”) received an allocation of ERAP funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“**Treasury**”) in the amount of \$14,697,467.79 (such amount, the Locality’s “**Direct Federal Allocation**”).
- D. Locality plans to administer its Direct Federal Allocation, and acknowledges that the Direct Federal Allocation is subject to the requirements of the Act and Treasury interpretive guidance, and to all such requirements as may be subsequently amended.
- E. Sonoma County Community Development Commission on behalf of the Locality desires to receive an allocation of State Rental Assistance Funds pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50897.2, subdivision (a)(1) or (2) (such allocation, a “**Block Grant Award**”). Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Locality) submitted its request for a Block

Grant Award to the Department, on an Expression of Intent Form, on or before February 12, 2021.

- F. Locality acknowledges that every Block Grant Award is subject to the requirements of SB 91 and Department guidelines, to the relevant requirements of the Act and Treasury interpretive guidance, and to all such requirements as may be subsequently amended (collectively, the **"Block Grant Award Requirements"**).
- G. Locality further acknowledges that every Block Grant Award is subject to the terms and conditions of a Department-approved STD 213, Standard Agreement (**"Standard Agreement"**), all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to allocate the Block Grant Award, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the **"Block Grant Award Documents"**).

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Locality) is hereby authorized and directed to accept a Block Grant Award in a total amount not to exceed \$17,528,751.06.
- 2. Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Locality) is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver the Block Grant Award Documents, which shall include a Standard Agreement in a total amount not to exceed \$17,528,751.06.
- 3. Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Locality) is hereby authorized and directed to assume responsibility for administering the Block Grant Award in accordance with all Block Grant Award Requirements.
- 4. Interim Executive Director, or designee, is authorized to execute the Block Grant Award Documents on behalf of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Locality) for participation in the State Rental Assistance Program.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.

The undersigned, Sheryl Bratton, County Administrator of Locality, does hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and full copy of a resolution of the governing body adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date above-mentioned, and that the resolution has not been altered, amended, or repealed.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____